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There is plenty of land moving work to be done on the grounds of the former Mohican Hills Golf Course, where plans are in the works for a \$25-\$30 million Christian camp. KEVIN LYNCH/THE DAILY RECORD

Movement at former Mohican Golf Course

Kevin Lynch
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Bringing about significant change in peoples' lives is the goal of the proposed Christian camp and retreat center to be constructed on the grounds of the former Mohican Hills Golf Course, 180 acres located along County Road 1950 near Jeromesville.

Project coordinator Dwight Mason, a pastor and leadership consultant, said catalyst means provoking significant change or action, and that is what he and his partners hope to achieve with the camp they are calling Catalyst.

"We want to help people become the best version of who God created them to be and that all starts with a personal relationship with Him through the person of Christ," Mason said. "We're looking at a first phase. We need to prep the land, put in roads, deal with the sewage, electrical, all that stuff."

After the infrastructure is in place, the next goal is to build the dorms, he said. The plan is for six buildings that will house about 48 people in each.

The plans include sports fields for soccer, a basketball court, a zipline and pickleball courts.

"There is a pond on the property that we want to enlarge for canoeing, kayaking and things like that," he said. "We're also looking at a swimming pool that would have water slides and a diving board."

The camp will be rounded out with a connection building, Mason said, noting it would be multipurpose that would seat around 500 people and used for meetings, with a cafeteria and a gym.

Project price tag: \$25-30 million

The total cost for the proposed project is around \$25 to \$30 million. Phase 1 is expected to cost about \$12.5 million.

The land was purchased by Mason and Justin Caldwell, the chief executive officer of OilWell Shares, an oil drilling company in the Appalachian region of Ohio, in the summer of 2023 for \$2.43 million, with the goals of developing a first class, faith-based camp and retreat center.

"Other than Justin, we have a couple of major contributors, and we're in the process of talking to some other businesses who have shared interests, but need more information on how they can help and support this to make it come about," Mason said.

Caldwell added the purpose of developing Catalyst is to give back to the community, help improve lives and bring as many people to Jesus Christ as possible.

"I think this is something needed in our area," Caldwell said.

Catalyst will be available to churches as well as nonprofit organizations.

Providing direction for the next generation

Both Mason and Caldwell believe the next generation is full of great kids, but they need direction. They hope to provide that direction through Catalyst.

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Hiring slows even further as jobless rate climbs

Report likely to cement Fed rate cut this month

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Hiring in the United States slowed further in August as President Donald Trump's aggressive trade, immigration and federal layoff policies took a growing toll on a rapidly softening labor market.

Employers added a disappointing 22,000 jobs and the unemployment rate rose from 4.2% to 4.3%, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Sept. 5.

Ahead of the report, economists surveyed by Bloomberg had estimated that 75,000 jobs were added in August.

While few businesses are laying off workers, hiring has fallen below the pre-pandemic average, making it tough for employees who lose jobs to find new positions.

In another worrisome sign, payroll gains for June

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Mugs, molds, mechanical mind

How Chris Pratt engineered a new path

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A mechanical engineer by trade, Chris Pratt of Millersburg has combined his love of tinkering with his eye for art and sculpting and to create a bustling business manufacturing double wall insulated ceramic mugs.

Pratt Ceramics is the business the Miami University graduate with a degree in mechanical engineering has been developing since the COVID epidemic led to his being laid off from the design firm he worked for in Columbus.

Not only does he create these unique double wall insulated ceramic mugs, Pratt has also developed the machines on which his creations are molded and painted using 3D printing technology.

"I've always enjoyed making things," Pratt said. "I took wood shop and metal shop back in high school, and I did a bunch of ceramics classes. And now that I have the engineering ability to design and 3-D print these parts, I've been able to make whatever I want."

"When COVID happened, and I got laid off, I started

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